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SENATOR SYAS: I thought that was part of the argument.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think it was. I don't know.. it certainly..

SENATOR SYAS: I think Senator Luedtke raised that point and so did Whitney. Wasn't it?

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, why don't you stand by just a minute here.

SENATOR SYAS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman, do you care to make some input here.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I..we've spent, I don't know how long on this bill today and the same questions have been asked and answered and debated. In specific answer to Senator Syas, I can't see how any problems could come to an individual police officer who owned one share or ten shares of United Airlines stock in the remote thing that they own a plane that's got a license. I can't see that anybody would prosecute under this and I don't think it would be...I can't see that it would really be..would hold water. Now what would hold water is if the man owns 25% of the corner tavern on the beat that he patrols and that's exactly what this bill aims at and it seems to me that if we start picking out on a scale it's like deciding what's reasonable and the law is beautiful. It doesn't decide what is reasonable until it get's the specific question. It seems to me this bill is sound. It does exactly what it purports to do and we're picking commas apart when we don't have to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, does that answer your question? Now, is there any further discussion then of the motion to indefinitely postpone. Are we all through with the motion? All right. Senator Goodrich, you may close then and he is closing now on his motion to indefinitely postpone LB 315.

SENATOR GOODRICH: OK. Now, here is my objection to the bill. Right now, there is no definition in the bill as to what a law enforcement officer is. That's just a technicality with the bill, however. I'd like to tell you why I felt so strong about this particular bill. I happened to be talking to a State Highway Patrol officer in Omaha about four months ago who was telling me that he had just been bought out the past summer by the Highway Department of some land that he owned and he had about \$150,000 that he needed to invest, and that's what we got to talking about. He had made the money in real estate through a very good fortune so let's not penalize a particular man or a citizen of the state of Nebraska just because they happen to be a police officer. The objection I have to this bill is that we have now said..and the bill in its present form now says to a police officer, whether he be a city policeman, a sheriff, or a highway patrolman, or whatever he is, you are a second class citizen. You must limit your investments, if you happen to be fortunate enough to get ahold of some investment..some funds to invest. He cannot invest in United Airline stock, for example, because United Airline stock happens to have a liquor license, so consequently, it is illegal for him to invest in anything of that type of an investment. We are dealing with a police officer as a second class citizen, if you pass this bill, and it is for that reason that I would move the indefinite postponement of this unless somebody want to recon..support a..propose, rather, a motion to reconsider our action on the previous amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, do you have a question? What is your question?